ADMISSION DEADLINES	APPLICATION & DOCUMENTS DUE	DECISIONS RELEASED
EARLY ACTION	NOVEMBER 1, 2021	DECEMBER 1, 2021
REGULAR ADMISSION	JANUARY 15, 2022	MARCH 1, 2022

☐ **Application**

Visit http://www.soka.edu/apply to start your application. After submitting your application, manage your checklist on your GoSoka! Account (http://admissions.soka.edu/status).

☐ **Non-refundable application fee**

$45 for paper application and $30 for the Common Application or Soka Online Application. The application fee can be paid through the Common Application or your GoSoka! Account. Common Application, College Board and NACAC fee waivers are accepted.

☐ **High school and college/university transcripts**

Official transcripts must show all high school/secondary school coursework.

Transcripts for all completed College/University coursework are also required. College coursework completed while in high school as a part of dual enrollment or a graded program can be transcribed on the high school transcript.

All coursework completed outside of the U.S. must be sent to IERF (http://www.ierf.org) for conversion into U.S. grade equivalents (There is a separate fee and time requirement for this service so please plan accordingly). Please request IERF to provide Soka University with a Detail Report of your completed education.

☐ **English proficiency**

Any applicant whose native language is not English is required to submit either a TOEFL iBT or Duolingo English Test score report. Soka University recommends a minimum TOEFL iBT score of 80 or a minimum Duolingo English Test score of 105 (160 Scale).

Soka University's school code for TOEFL is 4066. For Duolingo, please select "Soka University of America Undergraduate Admissions."

Please contact admission@soka.edu for questions.

☐ **Two (academic) letters of recommendation**

Electronic recommendation forms can be sent to your recommenders through the Soka Online Application or the Common Application. The official recommender form is also available at https://www.soka.edu/admission/undergraduate-admission/how-apply.

If applying by Common Application, your school counselor can submit an attached letter of recommendation to the School Report form.

Soka University will accept up to three letters of recommendation.

☐ **Two mandatory essays – each essay must be 500-750 words in length, double spaced**

Mandatory essays can be uploaded via the Soka University of America Writing Supplement section of the Common Application, via the Soka Online Application, or via your GoSoka! Account.

Mandatory essay question 1: During January block, Soka students participate in a Learning Cluster or research seminar where students work in teams with faculty to propose, research, and model constructive approaches to local, regional and/or global issues. What question would you investigate during a Learning Cluster? Describe why this topic is one you are passionate about and how you envision solving or supporting this particular issue.

Mandatory essay question 2: In today's world, what is your purpose in seeking a liberal arts education? Among the many fine colleges and universities you might attend, how do you think SUA could help you fulfill that purpose?

Optional question: Do you have any special circumstances that you would like Soka University to take into consideration when reviewing your application? Please be concise. Essay should not be more than a paragraph.

☐ **List of extracurricular activities**

Completing the Activities section of the Soka Online Application or Common Application fulfills this requirement. A custom list may be uploaded to your GoSoka! Account.

☐ **ACT or SAT test scores (optional)**

For Fall 2022 applications, Soka University will be "test optional." Test scores will not be required for admission consideration.

For those who would like to send their test scores, Soka's SAT code is 4066 and Soka's ACT code is 0467. Test scores will be official if the examination scores of the SAT or ACT are sent directly to Soka University by the testing agency. The name used for your SAT and/or ACT examinations must be your legal name that you use on your admission application. The Office of Admission does not accept SAT or ACT scores older than five years from the testing date. SUA does not require the SAT II-SAT Subject Test.

Please note: Within 3 business days of receiving your application, Soka University will send you a username and password via email with instructions for logging into our GoSoka! system. It is the applicant's / student's responsibility to manage their checklist and ensure the Office of Admission has received their documents by the listed deadlines. Soka does not accept faxed, emailed or late documents. All information is subject to change without notice. Visit www.soka.edu/admission for updates.

You can mail your documents directly to Soka at:

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Attention: Admission
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

If you have any questions, you can contact us via email at: admission@soka.edu or call us at 888.600.SOKA

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